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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends of William B. "Bill" Cannon of Decatur, who passed away on July 4, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, William B. Cannon was born on April 28, 1928 in Decatur to Harry E. and Frances Chenoweth Cannon; he was the husband of fellow Millikin alum, Virginia Herron Cannon; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon attended Decatur schools, the University of Illinois, and Millikin University; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War, serving with the 44th Engineers and completing his duty as captain; he participated in the early atomic bomb tests in Yucca Flats, Nevada; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and a 50-year member of the Country Club of Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon began his banking career with Security Savings and Loan, owned a controlling interest in the Strasburg State Bank, the American Bank of Cerro Gordo, the Bank of Findlay, and Schuyler Bank of Rushville and was the chief organizer of Hickory Point Bank of Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon received his MAI (Member of the Appraisal Institute) in 1964; he was employed by Revolution Trust Corp., where he was instrumental in dissolving five savings and loan institutions during the savings and loan crisis in the 1980s; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon was an avid Republican, having served as chairman for the entire downstate area during the first Ronald Reagan campaign in 1976; he served as board member for

1 the Salvation Army, the Chamber of Commerce, Decatur Economic
2 Development, the Oglesby Mansion, and St. John's Vestry; his
3 passion was the Decatur Park Board, of which he was a member
4 for 24 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon was an instrument-rated pilot who
6 flew his own plane and was actively involved with the Decatur
7 Airport; he was also a proud member of the infamous Boy Scout
8 Troop 3, where he was an Eagle Scout; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of William B. Cannon will be deeply
10 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 50
11 years, Virginia; his children, Bruce (wife, Kathi) Cannon,
12 Anne (husband, Chuck) Traxler, and Amy (husband, Doug)
13 Austin; his grandchildren, John, Jennifer, Ted, Brian, Bryce,
14 Andrew, Katie, and Will; his sister, Nancy (husband, Bob)
15 Wilson; and his close relatives, Elaine and Lance Beery and
16 Donna Rogers; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 all who knew him, the death of William B. Cannon of Decatur;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of William B. Cannon with our sincere
23 condolences.